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▶ A girl waves to a beluga at the Vancouver Aquarium.

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Personhood rights for whales?

► Research has proven whales and dolphins are self-aware, have personality and think about others in way similar to humans ► Scientists will present evidence at international conference in Vancouver this weekend

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Whales and dolphins are intelligent and cultural creatures and should be granted basic personhood rights, scientists will argue this weekend in Vancouver.

Lori Marino, a professor at Emory University in Atlanta, and Thomas White of Loyola Mary-

mount University in California plan to present the Declaration of Rights for Cetaceans at the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) conference in Vancouver this weekend.

The declaration aims to open a discussion about the ethical and policy implications of giving cetaceans basic personhood rights.

According to the scientists, research has proven that whales

have cultural and cognitive abilities similar to humans.

Whales are self-aware — they can recognize themselves in mirrors — they understand symbolic language and they think about others in a way comparable to humans.

"They're very similar to us: (they) have a sense of individual identity, personality, the ability to control behaviour and abstract thinking,"

White said. "They're even more social beings than humans are."

They also have complex cultural lives involving learning, the transmission of cultural traits from one generation to the next and they use tools.

"We've shown that all these qualities that make humans persons are shared with other animals," said Marino. "(They) shouldn't be treated like property or

objects — shouldn't be confined, captured, slaughtered or exploited and all the things we still do to dolphins and whales," she said.

Annelise Sorg, president of the Coalition for No Whales in Captivity, said the symposium will "open up a door that hasn't been opened to any other species before."

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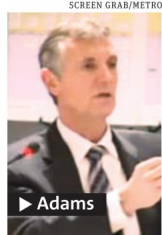
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Investigator 'appalled' by plight of sex workers



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The man who led the task force that eventually brought serial killer Robert Pickton

to justice said he was "appalled" by the scope of the problem when he first took over the investigation.

Don Adams, a retired homicide investigator who led Project Evenhanded beginning in late 2000, remembers being daunted by the sheer number of missing and murdered women in his files.

"I knew that there were 52 solved sex-trade worker murders and 52 unsolved cases," Adams testified at the Missing Women Commission of Inquiry. "I was appalled by how vicious it was."

The fact that just half of the cases involving sex-trade workers had been solved puzzled Adams as well. Adams and his task force began work in early 2001, 10 years after he believes Pickton began killing women.

Early days were spent trying to fix many logistical issues. From the outset, Adams believed that most of the missing women on his list had been murdered. To this day he believes more than one person was preying on sex-trade workers. At one point, Project Evenhanded was investigating as many as 13 "priority" suspects. ● MATT KIELTYKA



► A home in the 3400 block of East Georgia Street, where a mother of two was shot dead in her basement suite Tuesday night, is seen behind police tape Wednesday.

Young mother killed in Valentine's dispute

► Ex-husband faces murder and firearms-related charges ► Victim's family members disarmed suspect and held him until police arrived



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A young mother of two was killed after allegedly being shot by her ex-husband on Valentine's Day.

Police identified the victim of Vancouver's second homicide of 2012 as Jenny Le Wong, 30, who was killed in a basement suite shortly before 6 p.m. in the 3400 block of East Georgia Street.

"Andy" Long Phi Nguyen, 31, of Vancouver has been charged with one count of first-degree murder and one count of attempted murder.

The couple had been living apart for two years and had two young children, a five-year-old girl and a three-year-old boy. The children are now in the custody of Wong's extended family.

VPD spokesperson Const. Lindsey Houghton said Nguyen is known to police

for drug-related offences.

A male acquaintance of the victim, who was in the basement suite, was also shot at and suffered minor injuries after being grazed by a bullet. Wong's sister and brother-in-law, who were in a different part of the house along with their children, rushed into the suite when they heard shots, disarmed the suspect of his handgun and held him until police arrived.

"This is a tragic incident

that will leave lasting scars," Houghton said. "This now leaves children without a mother."

The Vancouver School Board is also offering support services to the teachers and classmates of the victim's daughter, who is in kindergarten.

"We recognize these are extremely traumatic events," Houghton said. "This is something they will have to live with the rest of their lives."

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Cops probe suspected Ponzi scheme

The B.C. Securities Commission and police are investigating two people for possible investment fraud in an alleged Ponzi scheme.

Rashina Samji and Arvin

Patel are accused of promising investors a 12 per cent annual return on money that was purportedly held in a trust account.

Samji was a Notary Public, while Patel was a financial planner, and both have been suspended from their positions.

The RCMP and Vancouver police are conducting a separate criminal investigation of the investment scheme. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Coroners urge drivers to buckle up

Too many people are dying in highway crashes in the B.C. Interior because they're not wearing their seatbelts, prompting the Coroner's Service to issue a reminder about the importance of buckling up.

The service did a study of crashes in the Interior in 2010 in which 85 people died, and found almost half of those involved — 47 per cent — were not wearing seatbelts.

Chief Coroner Lisa Lapointe says studies have consistently shown that wearing a seatbelt is the best way a person can cheat death in a motor vehicle crash.

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Top scientists in town for conference

► Renowned science conference starts today ► Seminars offer look into how science affects society



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For the first time in three decades, the American Association for the Advancement of Science is moving its annual conference beyond the borders of the U.S.

Starting today, the Vancouver Convention Centre is hosting over 8,000 of the world's leading scientific minds from more than 80 countries.

The four-day conference offers symposiums, lectures, seminars, workshops and poster sessions featuring the theme of "Flattening the world: Building a global knowledge society."

"It gives us a great chance to talk to media and journalists about the kinds of (natural sciences) in British Columbia," said John Nightingale, president of the Vancouver Aquarium, where the media reception will be held.

"I think we're learning a lot, but for everything we do know, there is a bunch of stuff we don't know," he added.

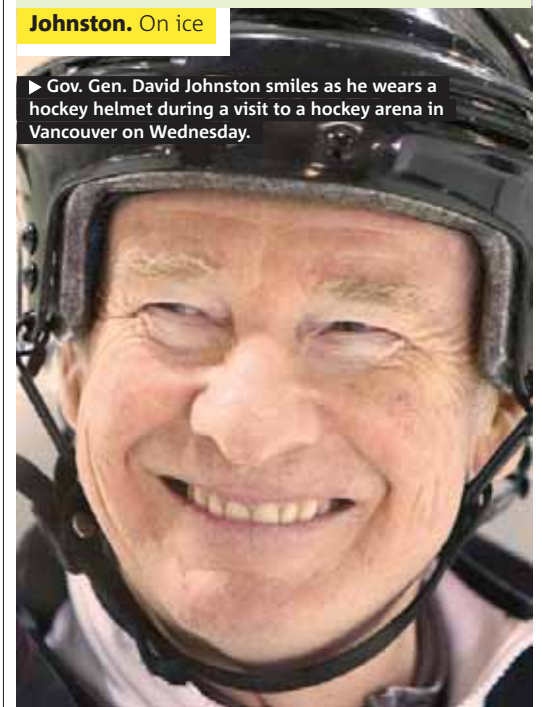
Many seminars and presentations will discuss major health breakthroughs, including the Vancouver-made HIV/AIDS treatment-as-prevention program pioneered by the B.C. Centre for Excellence in HIV/AIDS.

The conference was last held outside the U.S. in 1981 in Toronto.



Johnston. On ice

► Gov. Gen. David Johnston smiles as he wears a hockey helmet during a visit to a hockey arena in Vancouver on Wednesday.



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GG straps on his skates

Johnston met with volunteers of the Hockey Education Reaching Out Society (H.E.R.O.S.) program during a tour of parts of Vancouver.

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► Jacob Hoggard of Hedley performs during a medal ceremony at BC Place on Feb. 18, 2010, Day 7 of the Vancouver 2010 Winter Olympics.

28-year-old dies after assault at Hedley concert

► Group of five men reportedly got into fight ► Man sent to hospital in Dawson Creek, where he succumbed



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RCMP are investigating the death of a 28-year-old man in Dawson Creek after a brawl at a Hedley concert.

The B.C.-based rock band was playing a gig at the EnCana Event Centre Tuesday night when a group of five men reportedly got into a fight.

No statement

► The band, currently on their Shipwrecked tour, has not issued any sort of statement on the incident.

Police allege that after an initial argument, three suspects followed two men into the washroom and continued the assault.

The victim was found

unconscious by event security and rushed to hospital, but died at Dawson Creek Hospital.

A second man suffered non-life-threatening injuries and is co-operating with police.

The three suspects were arrested later that night at a nearby bar.

The victim's name has not yet been released.

The investigation continues.

State of provincial courts 'abysmal,' says B.C. judge

Four more suspected criminals — including an accused Internet child predator and an alleged drunk driver — have escaped convictions because of the bloated caseload of British Columbia's courts, prompting one judge to issue a direct attack on Premier Christy Clark and her government's handling of the matter.

In one ruling out of New Westminster, Judge Daniel Steinberg called the current state of the provincial court in B.C. "abysmal."

"There are no amount of press releases or talk-show appearances that are going to fix the over-stretched limits of our institutional resources," Steinberg said in a ruling posted Wednesday on the provincial court website.

"It offends the very real need ... to suppress predatory behaviour on the Internet."

JUDGE DANIEL STEINBERG ON THE CONSEQUENCES OF DELAYS IN THE COURT SYSTEM

"There is only one course of action that will fix the current situation and that is actions, not words."

Clark, a former radio talk-show host, appeared on her old station's airwaves Monday to discuss her government's priorities, including the conundrum in the justice system. Steinberg's decision is dated Jan. 25 and was posted Wednesday on the provincial court website.

Last week, Clark promised a complete review of

the court system to discover why delays and costs are increasing while crime goes down.

Suggested solutions for the problem are at least five months away, but in the meantime, hundreds of cases may be timing out of the system.

Steinberg stayed charges against David Blattler — who was accused of attempting to lure an underage teenager over the Internet — because he'd waited 27 months for his case to get to trial.

"I find that the consequences of the government's decision-making and priority-setting have meant the creation in this case, as in many others, of an intolerable delay that offends the ... charter," he concluded. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Hands up — step away from the grill

"Stop, or I'll grill ya" — that's what a 26-year-old man might have said to some Kelowna Mounties when he threatened them with a barbecue.

An officer on patrol noticed a man in a park who was suspected of having outstanding warrants.

The man took off, but when officers caught up to him he threatened them with a barbecue he'd grabbed from a nearby home.

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Starving horse rescued

An animal-rights group in the southern Okanagan is shocked at a weekend discovery near Oliver.

Critteraid spokeswoman Teresa Nolet says her group was alerted to a possibly starving horse in the hills behind Oliver, 40 kilometres south of Penticton.

Nolet says wild horses are common in the region but rescuers were shocked to find the animal was a domestic animal, apparently abandoned.

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Exports to Asia surpass that of U.S.

For the first time ever, B.C. exports to Asia have eclipsed shipments to the U.S.

The B.C. government says exports to China last year jumped 24 per cent, exports to Japan rose 12 per cent, those to South Korea were up by 45 per cent and exports to India rose 49 per cent.

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O-town goes Motown

► R&B legend cheers on Victoria High School students on band trip to Ottawa ► Students first visited Martha Reeves in Detroit in 2005



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METRO CANADA IN OTTAWA

It was like a heat wave: Students from Victoria High School sang their hearts out on Wednesday at Ottawa's National Arts Centre, striking a chord with a very special guest —

one of Motown's greatest singers, Martha Reeves.

The B.C. students were joined at the centre's Fourth Stage by the Holy Trinity Catholic High School band from Ottawa. Both bands rocked the house as Reeves sat in the front row, clanging her tambourine to the beat of each song, including one

of her own hits, *Dancing in the Streets*.

The performance of that tune by Victoria High School student Soleil Demers, 17, won a standing ovation from Reeves and about 100 guests.

Reeves, whose hits with Martha and the Vandellas include *Jimmy Mack* and *Heat Wave*, was in the na-

tion's capital to teach the students a few vocal tips at a workshop before the performance.

"It was wonderful," she said after the show.

She called Demers' cover of her song a "different flavour."

"I thought it was very good — a good interpretation of it."



► Kieran McMillan, 17, belts out a number accompanied by the band from Victoria High School at the National Arts Centre in Ottawa on Wednesday. Motown superstar Martha Reeves sat in the front row.

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Gun registry bill passes House

► On life support after Tory win in Commons ► Senate will pull plug

Federal Tories erupted in cheers Wednesday after finally securing House of Commons approval to scrap the controversial long-gun registry.

The Harper government used its majority to pass the bill by a vote of 159-130, with the support of two maverick New Democrats — John Rafferty and Bruce Hyer.

All other NDP, Liberal, Bloc Québécois and Green MPs voted against it.

"Many of us have waited for this day for a very long time," said Public Safety Minister Vic Toews.

Toews said the registry — created by Jean Chrétien's Liberal government after the massacre of 14 women at Montreal's École Polytechnique in 1989 — is

"a billion-dollar boondoggle" that does nothing but penalize law-abiding hunters and farmers.

"It does nothing to help put an end to gun crime, nor has it saved one Canadian life," he argued.

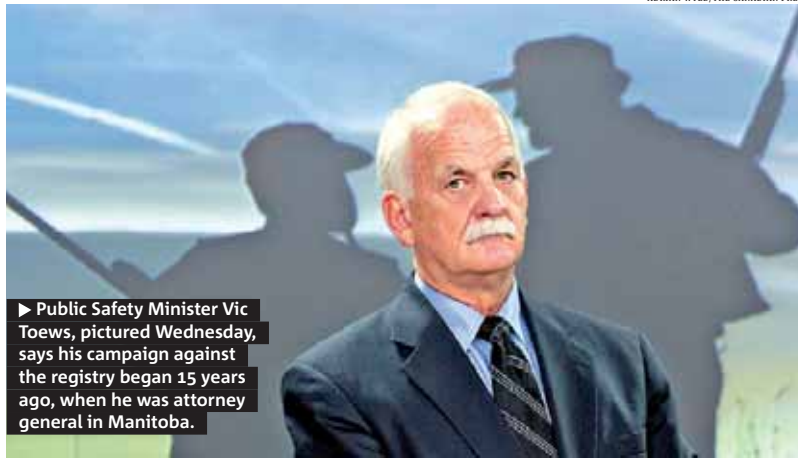
The vote effectively puts the registry on life support. All that remains is for the Senate to pull the plug.

Since the Tories enjoy a commanding majority in the upper chamber as well, the registry's fate is sealed.

Women's groups and victims of gun violence expressed outrage.

Quebec says the moment the bill is enacted, the province will launch court action to prevent registry records from being destroyed.

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► Public Safety Minister Vic Toews, pictured Wednesday, says his campaign against the registry began 15 years ago, when he was attorney general in Manitoba.

Trouble in store?

What will be the fate of maverick New Democrats John Rafferty and Bruce Hyer for defying the party's line on the gun registry?

► Interim NDP leader Nycole Turmel said there will be "consequences" for them.
► But it's unclear what more she can do to the pair, who also broke ranks when the registry bill was put to a second reading

vote last November.

► At that time, Turmel suspended their travel privileges and banned them from participating in question period, sitting on committees or making public statements.

Battle over mandatory sentences brewing

The Harper government is keeping its powder dry in the face of a court judgment that delivered a broadside to mandatory minimum sentences.

An Ontario Superior Court judge ruled this week that sending a first-time offender to prison for three years for possessing a loaded, illegal gun is "cruel and unusual punishment."

Prime Minister Stephen Harper told the Commons on Tuesday: "I think Canadians believe the courts have not been tough enough in dealing with gun crime."

With mandatory minimum drug and sex sentences awaiting passage by the Senate, the battle is set to begin.

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Gasp! He'll walk a tightrope over the Falls

DAVID DUPREY/THE CANADIAN PRESS



► Nik Wallenda says he feels "like I'm on top of the world" after getting the green light for his Niagara walk.

Daredevil Nik Wallenda is eager to walk the walk after getting approval for his plan to cross Niagara Gorge on a tightrope.

The Niagara Parks Commission board gave its thumbs-up on Wednesday, reversing an earlier decision against the stunt.

Wallenda says he'll walk along a cable, five centimetres in diameter,

stretched across the gorge from the U.S. to Canada.

The board says it now has 45 days to work out details — including a date for the walk — with the man who calls himself "King of the High Wire."

Wallenda, 32, had been hoping for a day in July or August, but the commission is looking at June, before the busy

tourist season begins.

The tightrope walker, who is descended from the famous circus performers The Flying Wallendas, saw his request turned down in December.

New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo signed legislation last year allowing Wallenda to walk over the famed gorge.

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High-wire cash

► A study has suggested that live TV coverage of the event could help generate a \$120-million shot in the arm to Niagara's economy.
► An official said the board will consider requests for such events only once every 20 years, and only by skilled professionals.

Assad seeks national referendum

President Bashar Assad has ordered a referendum, set for Feb. 26, on a new constitution that would create a multiparty system in a country that has been ruled by his autocratic family dynasty for 40 years.

Assad's regime is touting the new constitution as the centrepiece of reforms aimed at ending Syria's bloodshed.

More than 5,000 have died in the regime's crackdown on protesters.

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Thai chief: Israeli staff targeted

Thailand's police chief said the Iranians who were arrested after accidentally setting off explosives at their rented home in Bangkok were plotting to attack Israeli diplomats.

"I can tell you the target was ... Israeli diplomatic staff," said Gen. Prewpan Dhamapong.

He also said the explosive matched devices planted on Israeli cars in India and Georgia.

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► A woman grieves outside Comayagua prison, where a fire broke out early Wednesday.

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Prison fire kills 358, worst in a century

A fire started by an inmate tore through an overcrowded prison in Honduras, burning and suffocating screaming men in their locked cells as rescuers desperately searched for keys.

Officials confirmed 358 dead Wednesday, making it the world's deadliest prison fire in a century.

The local governor told reporters that an inmate called her moments before the blaze broke out, screaming: "I will set this place on fire and we are all going to die!"

Comayagua Gov. Paola Castro said she called the Red Cross and fire brigade immediately.

But firefighters said they were kept outside for half an hour by guards who fired their guns in the air, thinking they had a riot or a breakout on their hands.

Officials have long held little control over conditions inside many Honduran prisons, where inmates have unfettered access to cellphones and other contraband.

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Deep-freeze death toll rises in Europe

► Farmers concerned about their livestock are bringing them into homes ► Towns remain isolated

More than 650 people have died during a record-breaking cold snap in Eastern Europe, authorities said Wednesday, as officials in the Czech Republic blamed two massive car crashes on blinding snow.

Since the end of January, the region has been pummeled by the deep freeze, which has brought the heaviest blizzards in recent memory. Tens of thousands have been trapped in often-freezing homes and villages by walls of snow and unpassable roads, and officials have struggled to reach out to the vulnerable with emergency food airlifts.

Authorities in Russia and Ukraine alone reported Wednesday that more than 300 people have died

in the bitter cold.

About 100 damaged cars blocked a major highway in the Czech Republic connecting the capital, Prague, with the eastern part of the country and Slovakia. Seven people were injured in two separate accidents, authorities said, warning it could be hours before the mangled vehicles are cleared.

Some 40 cars crashed before midday Wednesday during a heavy snowstorm 300 kilometres east of Prague, injuring two people. Dozens of vehicles, including a bus, were involved in a separate crash southeast of Prague, which injured five, according to Czech public CT24 television.

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► A driver makes slow progress during a heavy snowfall near Veznice, Czech Republic, on Wednesday.

Trial begins for U.S. man accused of forcing grandsons to hike Canyon

A federal trial began Wednesday for an Indiana man accused of forcing his grandsons to hike for miles in the Grand Canyon without food or water in brutal August heat.

Christopher Alan Carlson, of Indianapolis, who is in his mid-40s, has pleaded not guilty to six counts of child abuse.

Jury selection in his trial began Wednesday and was

expected to wrap up Thursday. Opening statements from the prosecution and defence will follow.

Carlson's grandsons — who were 12, 9 and 8 years old at the time — told inves-

tigators that Carlson hit, pushed, choked, and squeezed them, and forced their fingers down their throats to make them vomit during trips into the Grand Canyon.

Investigators said Carlson told them that the boys were overweight and that he thought hiking the Grand Canyon would help

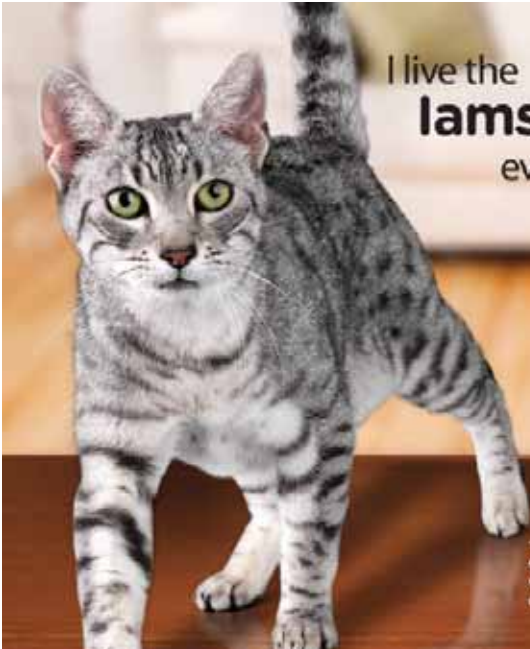
get them into shape.

"He told me that he loved his grandchildren very much, but at the same time there were tough people in the world and his grandchildren needed to be tough as well," National Park Service Special Agent Chris Smith said at the time.

The boy's mother, Tara

Danaher, of Indianapolis, sobbed at a court hearing on Sept. 1 and said her children went on trips with Carlson over the summer, including to Central America and Jamaica. She said she talked with her children throughout the summer and that they never expressed any concerns.

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Birth control: A mother of a furor

► Obama accused of declaring war on religion ► But polls support him

U.S. President Barack Obama's opponents claim he has "declared war on religion" with his efforts to require employers to provide birth-control coverage for their workers.

Republican presidential hopeful Rick Santorum even recently suggested the president was leading America into a secular nightmare where the devoutly religious will face the guillotine.

As is often the case during a presidential election year, America's ever-percolating culture wars are now on full boil.

Republicans have cranked up the heat by painting Obama as an anti-religious zealot as they attempt to push through measures in Congress that would result in limited access to birth control for

some American women.

And yet a pair of new polls suggest Americans aren't buying it — not even Catholics, whose leaders have led the charge against Obama's birth-control mandate.

Their howls of protest forced Obama into a slight concession last week that would require insurers, not the religious organizations as employers, to pay for employees' birth control.

But a Gallup survey says Obama slipped just three percentage points among Catholics last week as the administration fought publicly with bishops over whether church-affiliated employers should pay for contraception as part of their employees' health plans.

An average of 46 per



► Archbishop of New York Timothy Dolan has called Obama's birth-control plans a "hill of beans."

cent of Catholics told the pollster they approved of Obama's job performance, compared to 49 per cent the previous week.

"Catholics are typically an important swing voting group in U.S. elections, so

a president is at some political risk if he pursues a policy that could anger Catholics," said Gallup's Jeffrey Jones.

A CBS News/New York Times poll released Wednesday also suggests

that most Americans, including Catholics, support the Obama administration's original birth-control mandate.

Sixty-one per cent of those surveyed said they back federally mandated

"My mother fought with her priest in the 1940s about birth control and just decided she wasn't going to listen to anything he had to say on the matter."

DOTTY LYNCH, A PROFESSOR AT A WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

contraception coverage for employers with religious affiliations, while 31 per cent were opposed.

Among Catholics, the numbers were almost identical — 61 per cent in favour and 32 per cent against.

Support was strong even among Catholics who went to church every week, perhaps unsurprising given a recent study that found 98 per cent of Catholic women have used birth control.

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Italy seeks five-year jail term

Italian prosecutors have demanded a five-year prison sentence for former premier Silvio Berlusconi in his trial on corruption charges.

Prosecutor Fabio De Pasquale on Wednesday urged the court to find Berlusconi guilty of having paid a British lawyer \$600,000 to lie in trials



► Berlusconi: Faces underage sex case.

involving charges of tax evasion and false accounting.

The court is racing toward a verdict before the charges expire due to the statute of limitations. De Pasquale said that would

happen by mid-July.

This is one of several cases pending against Berlusconi, including a trial on charges of having paid for sex with an underage prostitute.

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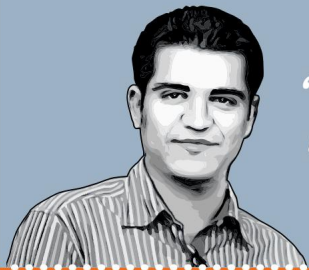
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Shopify takes innovative approach to online retail

► Ottawa company's e-stores doubled their merchandise sales in a year



► Harley Finkelstein, chief platform officer of the Ottawa-based e-commerce company Shopify.

When web shoppers buy a plush Angry Birds toy, a Foo Fighters or LMFAO T-shirt, or something from Encyclopedia Britannica, it helps fuel a small but growing Ottawa company that once sold snowboards before getting into the e-store business.

That company is Shopify, which this week was named by Fast Company magazine as one of the 10 most innovative retail businesses in the world.

Co-founder Tobias Lutke created Shopify after realizing back in 2005 just how difficult and expensive it was to launch a web business. After figuring it would cost at least \$100,000 to get his snowboard store online, Lutke decided the company

ought to design its own e-commerce software.

He quickly realized there was a much better business in helping other entrepreneurs sell their wares online.

"Today, almost six years later, we have over 20,000 active stores selling one or more products every month in more than 80 countries," said Harley Finkelstein, Shopify's chief platform officer. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Cisco challenges Skype takeover in EU court

Networking company Cisco said Wednesday that it is challenging Microsoft's \$8.5-billion US takeover of Skype at the European Union's top court to ensure Microsoft won't block other video-conferencing services.

Microsoft completed the deal in October shortly after the European Commission, the EU's competition regulator, cleared the takeover. Microsoft hopes that owning Skype will allow it to better compete with other tech giants including Apple or Google.

But for Cisco Systems,

the world's largest maker of computer networking equipment, the Skype deal creates a serious challenger to its video-conferencing systems.

Video-conferencing equipment is a relatively small part of Cisco's overall sales, but it's growing rapidly. Cisco's latest major acquisition was of Tandberg, a Norwegian maker of video-conferencing equipment. Cisco spent \$3.4 billion for the company in 2010.

Microsoft said it was confident it would prevail in an appeal. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Target Canada partners with Starbucks

Discount retailer Target Corp. is partnering with Starbucks to bring coffee shops into its new Canadian stores.

The American chain picked the Seattle-based coffee company to open in the majority of its up to 135 Target stores, it said Wednesday.

The agreement

extends the 12-year relationship between Target and Starbucks in the United States.

Starbucks has already struck numerous partnerships with retailers in Canada, including Indigo Books and Music and some grocery chains.

Target, known for offering designer fashion collaborations at discount prices, plans to open its first Canadian stores in 2013.

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GREEK CRISIS

Eurozone doubts persist over bailout plan

Greece has made progress convincing the rest of the eurozone that it should get a \$170-billion US bailout — but the country's austerity efforts will need much tighter surveillance, the chairman of the eurozone's finance ministers said Wednesday.

During a three-hour conference call between the finance chiefs of the 17 countries that use the euro, the ministers received assurances from Greece that it had found a further \$325 million in cuts on top of austerity measures

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► Greek Finance Minister Evangelos Venizelos

already agreed to.

However, in a sign of the deep distrust that has built up — especially among rich euro nations like Germany, the Netherlands and Finland — Jean-Claude Juncker, the prime minister of Luxembourg who also chairs the finance ministers' meetings, said better surveillance mechanisms had to be set up before new aid could be released.

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January home sales down

Canadian home sales posted their biggest monthly decline in a year and a half in January, suggesting the long-expected market slowdown may finally be on its way.

The Canadian Real Estate Association said Wednesday that sales of existing homes fell 4.5 per cent to a seasonally

adjusted 38,294 in January from 40,115 the previous month. It was the first monthly decline since August 2011.

The monthly decline reversed a string of month-over-month increases in the fourth quarter of 2011 and returned sales activity to where it stood at the end of the third quarter, CREA said.

January sales were about even with the five- and 10-year averages for the month.

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Kellogg makes \$2.7B bid for Pringles

Troubled snack-food maker Diamond Foods and Procter & Gamble have called off their \$1.5 billion US deal for Diamond to buy the Pringles brand. Cereal maker Kellogg Co. is swooping in and made a \$2.7 billion US deal to purchase the brand.

Diamond Foods and



Procter & Gamble said Wednesday that they mutually agreed to end their proposed deal.

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SURVIVOR: CANADA!
(A beaver grows. The McKenzie brothers chant.)

Bob and Doug: Koo-loo-koo-koo-koo-koo-koo-koo!

Host Jeff Probst: Welcome. For the next two months, a group of American strangers will be stranded ... here ... in "Canada" — a Grizzly-infested peninsula somewhere north of Minnesota. Let's meet our castaways. First — Jimmy, a retired military officer who's about to snap.

Jimmy: You'll all be sorry! The camera crews can't protect you forever!

Probst: Amanda, an exotic dancer known for her enormous wits.

Amanda: My cousin Mary lives here. Do you know her?

Probst: Agnes, a sweet old woman who will be eaten alive by the other contestants, perhaps literally.

Agnes: Let's all play fair.

Probst: And Vance, who inexplicably believes this show makes him a star.

Vance: Hey, America! How you doin'?

Probst: The contestants will be split into groups whose names reflect the local culture: Team Toque and Team Chesterfield. The first competition is a Great Canadian Challenge: Castaways must get their frostbite treated through Medicare. And go! (The contestants stand in line for three months.)

Probst: Oooh, time's up. I'm afraid nobody wins immunity. And now let's watch as contestants have some introspective time alone with a camera crew and 13 million viewers.

Vance: Everything's good. If I lose, I can get my break in Canadian cinema. That exists, right?

Amanda: It's weird here. Canada's like a whole other country, you know?

Agnes: Everyone's been so nice. Even those squeegee kids who stole our things were very polite.

Jimmy: You took my gun! What kind of place is this?

Probst: It's time for Tribal Council! The results have been counted and, in true Canadian fashion, only one of you voted! Agnes is eliminated.

Agnes: I voted myself off. You all deserve it more.

Probst: Because this is Canada, the tribe must form a subcommittee that will report back on what went wrong for Agnes. Also, Agnes has the right to a lengthy appeals process. The tribe has spoken, Agnes. You can't win the appliances.

Vance: Appliances? What about the million dollars?

Probst: No, sorry, the prize is a lovely Whirlpool washer and dryer, making it the largest award ever on a Canadian game show! That's all for this week. Join us next time, when our castaways face their toughest challenge: One hour with Nickelback! Who will survive?

All: We quit.

Probst: It's still better than Bumper Stumpers.

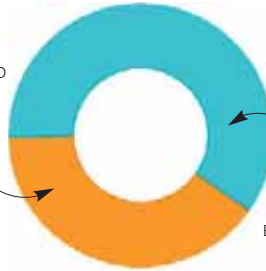
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► **@ParkBoard:** Two First Nations carvings will be raised in Oppenheimer Park Feb. 16 at 9:30 am ow.ly/964s2

► **@CityofVancouver:** When your feeling thirsty. Cool tap map app. Quickly locate the closest public drinking fountains in @Metro Vancouver. ow.ly/964BW

► **@Dave_Eby:** Does the Com-

missioner of the Missing Women Inquiry care that his ship has sprung a leak? (blog) [#MWC1](http://ow.ly/960th)

► **@JamesMoore_org:** House of Commons just voted 159-130 to end the long-gun registry. Proud to vote to end the registry.

► **@FarhanLaljiTSN:** Dante Marsh and Ryan Phillips have agreed to terms with the #BCLions. They will not be going to free agency tomorrow

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Egg-cellent armour



Tank built out of egg cartons

LONDON. It looked like shell warfare at England's Imperial War Museum after the unveiling of a "tank" made out of egg cartons. Sculptor Stuart Murdoch's carton-made mockup of a Challenger II vehicle was built to launch a national egg-and-spoon race organized by Eggs for Soldiers, a charity that raises money for injured soldiers. ● **MWN**

60 seconds

All those egg boxes. You must have made many omelettes.

Actually, the egg boxes arrived empty! We were sent over 8,000 egg boxes in the end. There were moments when we didn't want to see another egg box again.

How do egg boxes compare to real steel?

I was very surprised how

sturdy they were. It wasn't a problem for me to stand on the structure. Its strength must be due to his conical shape inside. **What was the most difficult thing about making this tank?**

Getting it through the door at London's Imperial War Museum. The door was too small, so we had to break it up into separate sections to get it in.

Will it stay there forever?

No. It's going outside on public display on March 4 for one day. After that, I have no idea what will happen to it. My dream is to see it retired at the Tank Museum in Dorset, southwest England.

What other curiosities have you made?

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Brown



Country singer Miranda Lambert doesn't get why controversial R&B star Chris Brown was allowed to perform twice at the Grammys on Sunday. She tweeted on Monday: "He beat on a girl...not cool that we act like that didn't happen."

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Cinephiles celebrate attention to film preservation in 'The Artist' and 'Hugo'



► The Vancouver Academy of Music Symphony Orchestra performs a tribute to Maestro Wallace Leung Sunday at the Orpheum.

Sparkling the Eternal Light

► Young musicians commemorate life of a maestro ► Show taking place Sunday at Orpheum

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His life was short; his list of achievements long. Maestro Wallace Leung: conductor, musical director, violinist, teacher, mentor, and, of course, a member of B.C.'s music community.

It's been a decade since he died at age 33, but this weekend the Vancouver

Academy of Music (VAM) Symphony Orchestra presents Eternal Light: An Evening Honouring the Legacy of Maestro Wallace Leung.

Leung, once a VAM conducting instructor, will be commemorated in concert under the baton of newly appointed VAMSO music director Leslie Dala. The program includes works by Beethoven, Brahms and Estacio.

"Maestro Wallace Leung was a remarkable musician whose passion and dedication made an indelible contribution to the

"Maestro Wallace Leung was a remarkable musician whose passion and dedication made an indelible contribution to the lives of his students, friends and colleagues."

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF VAM,
JOESPH ELWORTHY

lives of his students, friends and colleagues," says Executive Director of

VAM, Joesph Elworthy. "He accomplished more in his short years than many achieve in a lifetime, and I am very grateful we have the opportunity to pay tribute to his legacy."

The VAMSO — the academy's flagship ensemble — consists of more than 70 musicians from across the region and performs an annual concert season at the Orpheum.

The soloist for Brahms' Violin Concerto is prodigious 16-year-old violinist Esther Hwang, who has already performed numerous times with the

Vancouver Symphony Orchestra.

"It's an honour to work with a group of such fine young musicians, joining me to make this significant tribute," says Dala. "Wallace was among my closest friends ... he was a galvanizing force who inspired creativity through his genuine love for music."

Eternal Light takes place Sunday at the Orpheum. Tickets, \$10 (\$6 students and seniors), available at the door or online at vancouveracademyofmusic.com.

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On being bad

► Johnny Whitworth has come a long way since the days of Empire Records ► Here the actor talks to Metro's Ned Ehrbar about playing the villain and working with Nic Cage in the new Ghost Rider film

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METRO WORLD NEWS IN HOLLYWOOD

When you see Johnny Whitworth, probably the first thing that comes to mind is "Empire Records," in which he starred opposite Liv Tyler as the lovesick A.J. Eerily, the actor has barely aged over the past 17 years, but on-screen in Ghost Rider: Spirit of Vengeance, he's unrecognizable as Blackout, a villainous light-manipulator who makes trouble for Nicolas Cage's flaming-skulled biker.

What can you tell us about how your character, Blackout, is portrayed in the movie without giving too much away?

He's got some cooler powers than in the comic. [In the comics], he was born basically a mutant, and when he went around everything turned black, and then he kind of identified with vampires and had these prosthetic fangs put in and claws, and then he was kind of an assassin kind of guy.

In our thing, he actually can control what's going on with the light.

It's much cooler. And he has powers that give him ... a unique quality and make him ... a good villain for the Ghost Rider.

Did you see the first Ghost Rider film?

I did... I've got to be careful how I use my words. I saw the first one.

I think I was there opening day. I go to see all of them. I'm a total geek like that.

As a geek, were you a fan of the comics?

Yeah. I mean, he was definitely the coolest-looking hero, but I never followed that particular comic too much. My little brother did, and that was my introduction to it when we were younger.



► Johnny Whitworth pre-Ghost Rider makeup.

As a geek yourself, were you a fan of the "comics?"

Yeah, yeah. I mean, he was definitely the coolest-looking hero, but I never followed that particular comic too much.

My little brother did, and that was my introduction to it when we were younger.

How is it taking on a villain role?

It's fun. It's challenging just for the aesthetic reasons, and it's fun because villains are fun.

Bad guys are more interesting, you know? You have no limitations, really.

And you go up against the Ghost Rider himself, Nicolas Cage. How was that?

It's a pleasure to work with Nic. There's not one particular thing I can elaborate on, you know? I think Nic's a great guy and an amazing craftsman. I dig his work. It's inspiring. What was cool was that I didn't understand anything that was going on in Romania, but we could be in a cab or a restaurant or whatever and we'd hear their language and then, "Nicolas Cage." The only thing I would understand was "Nicolas Cage" and then "ciorbă," which is soup.



► Johnny Whitworth is barely recognizable as Blackout in Ghost Rider: Spirit of Vengeance.

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Will Bobby attend Whitney's funeral?

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Whitney Houston's funeral will be held on Saturday at her childhood church, the New Hope Baptist Church in Newark, the church pastor said Tuesday night.

The invitation-only funeral will probably be attended by 1,500 or so people, with the public not invited.

But there's one person whose inclusion on the invite list is still up in the air: Houston's ex-husband, Bobby Brown.

Tmz.com reports that

the singer is "extremely disappointed" after hearing that several members of Houston's family do not want him to attend Saturday's service.

Apparently, Houston's family isn't "fond of him" (um, understatement of the century, TMZ).

The site reports that Brown wants to go to support Bobbi Kristina, but hasn't "decided on a plan of action yet."

However, we do know Brown will be on the East Coast as he is scheduled to perform with his group New Edition on Saturday at the Mohegan Sun Arena. The Sun's publicist sent out a release yesterday saying that, as of then, Brown was still scheduled to perform.



► Bobby Brown and Whitney Houston

Winslet doesn't want to see herself in 3D

Kate Winslet is bracing herself for the 3D re-release of Titanic 15 years after it originally came out.

The actress has already seen 17 minutes of footage, and it wasn't necessarily a pleasant experi-

ence.

"I was literally like, 'Oh my God, make it stop. Is that me? Oh my God, that's me. Block my ears, somebody. Somebody club out my senses. Make it f—ing stop,'" Winslet tells USA Today. "I'm sure I wasn't really a very good actress. Seriously, we are talking about something that happened 15 years ago. It is a very long time ago."

Don't worry, Kate. We have a feeling everyone in the audience will have the exact same reaction.

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► Kate Winslet

Brown brushes off his haters

Good work, America. Chris Brown is taking all of the negative attention people have showered on him since Sunday's Grammy Awards to heart and is now on a Twitter rampage about it. He tweeted last night: "HATE ALL U WANT BECUZ I GOT A GRAMMY Now! That's the ultimate F-CK OFF!" You know who else got a Grammy? Milli Vanilli. So don't put yourself in such high esteem there, buddy. ● METRO

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New York runway roundup



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DONNA KARAN COLLECTION

Karan opened with her Casual Luxe collection, which, according to the press notes, was "tailored for the streets of New York" yet on the runway appeared to stem from Balmoral Scotland. These were heavily-layered cold-weather looks with cosy, chunky shearling outerwear: oversized tartan blanket knits and sweeping kilts. It was a strong, covetable collection.



JASON WU

For Wu, the process of transforming his soft and über-feminine muse into a proper badass force to be reckoned with meant going back to his Chinese roots, and exploring images of the country throughout history from the Qing dynasty to the Mao jacket. That translated into a series of beautifully-executed military coats and jackets loaded with rich Far East details and innovative construction.



RAG & BONE

As temperatures in New York dropped, Marcus Wainwright and David Neville's dense layering didn't seem like a bad idea. Who wouldn't want a chic and cosy blanket coat to toss over a trouser suit like this strong opening look? The only problem is that heavy layering can only go so far before it adds awkward lumps. Look for their perfectly cool separates and coats in stores, but maybe play with layers before imitating this runway styling.



MARC JACOBS

Marc Jacobs, New York's most prominent and influential architect of trends, showed a directional collection of multi-layered ensembles that made subtle nods to the Queen's land. From the first look out — a giant, furry Stephen Jones' hat and piled-on outfit that included a cape worn over a voluminous coat on top of a slick, tiled, opalescent, dress over cropped trousers and pilgrim shoes — the show had an air of madcap sobriety to it.



THAKOON

There was a polished sophistication to Thakoon Panichgul's clothes, best exemplified in the dresses and ruffled coats shift. But there were twists: a coat-dress pinched at the waist seemed prim until the model turned the corner, where sexy black leather cut-outs in the back were revealed. The designer then kicked the feminine factor into high gear with sweet peacock feather embroidery and a palette of bright fuchsia and cranberry.

Face first

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Creating an entertainment

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Hang it

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► The BeoSound 8 audio system, Bang & Olufsen



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Dear Charles the butler, I am facing a really strange problem. My husband wears leather jackets in size XL. However, the jackets bought from Roots, Danier, etc. come with a hanger that seems to be too small for the XL jackets.

They leave at least two inches of shoulder hanging unsupported by the hanger. The jackets are getting out of shape really quickly. What should I do? Please help.

Thank you,
Trish

Dear Trish, I have a couple of suggestions that should give you some good solutions for this problem.

Firstly, a strange but good temporary solution would be to cut some paper towel tubes lengthwise and place one on each side of the hanger where the coat hangs,

thus elongating the hanger by a few inches to at least give the coat some stability and shape until a proper hanger can be found.

This may be hard to imagine, but the paper towel tube can be adjusted to the length you need and really does work on a short-term basis.

Secondly, look up a larger-size clothing store in your area and see if they will sell you a few oversized hangers that will properly fit the coats.

If that fails, Wm. Prager Ltd., sells hangers to the trade (and my butler school) so they have a

very large inventory and are a great Canadian source.

And finally, the Rolls Royce solution is Henry Hanger in New York City. They manufacture any size hanger you could ever want or need and will even put your initials on the hanger should you so choose!

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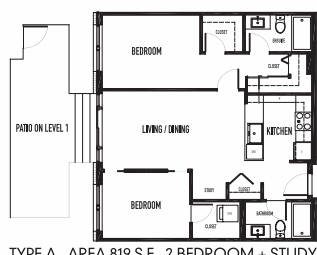


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"Prints and patterns have been huge trends for the last few years and shows no sign of slowing down," says Tricia Guild, the founder and creative director of Designers Guild. "They offer a sense of modernity that plain textiles and walls just do not have."

Print wallpaper and upholstery may read like a throwback to a bygone age — I quiver at the thought of my grandparents' upholstery and strangely yellowed, bronze wallpaper. But today's prints are inspiringly vibrant and make for a room that you'd actually want to spend time in. As Guild puts it, "Prints lend themselves to a more eclectic look that reflects one's personality and spirit."

A harmonious clash

Nobody wants to create a home decor that is positively sick-making, so you need to "pick out a colour to link the clash — this way print clashes generally work," says Guild.

"In this blue sitting room, we've used more than eight patterns but the total effect is harmonious and full of character

because the colour palette is restricted to a cobalt and white crispness," she says.

Go easy on...

It's important to reel in your creative wild side, especially when it comes to decorating with animal prints and focus walls. Guild says: "Don't mix too many animal prints together and use a plain neutral, such as black, along the edges of curtains, cushions, rugs and lampshades." On focus walls, she adds, "I think pattern all over the room is more up-to-date — the feature wall feels a bit passé in my view."

Prints to scale

You don't have to live in a sprawling urban palace to make prints work in your place. If you don't want prints to dominate, Guild suggests tempering the look by "choosing a wallpaper that is not too strong."

That means avoiding anything overtly in-your-face, and if you're sprucing up a smaller space, it'll be worth bearing this in mind: "Smaller-scale prints are best in tighter rooms, or just add accent print pieces like cushions or throws," says Guild. "However, there are no real rules and sometimes a large-scale pattern can look amazing."

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► Pick a colour to link print clashes.

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- 4 Cook onion until tender, about 5 minutes. Stir in carrots, fennel and remaining paprika, cumin, salt and

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- 5 ml (1 tsp) paprika, divided
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- 5 ml (1 tsp) each sea salt and fresh cracked pepper, divided
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) olive oil, divided
- 4 turkey cutlets
- 1 small onion, peeled

pepper and cook for 3 minutes. Sprinkle with apricots and olives, pour in orange juice and broth, scraping up any brown bits from the bottom of the pan. Nestle turkey into vegetables, reduce heat to medium-low to

- and sliced
- 2 carrots, peeled and sliced
- 1/2 fennel bulb, sliced
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) chopped dried apricots
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) pitted olives, halved
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- 50 ml (1/4 cup) fresh chopped parsley

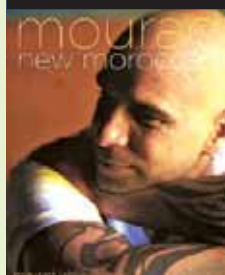
maintain a simmer, cover and cook until turkey is cooked through and vegetables are tender-crisp, about 15 minutes. Sprinkle with parsley and serve over couscous.

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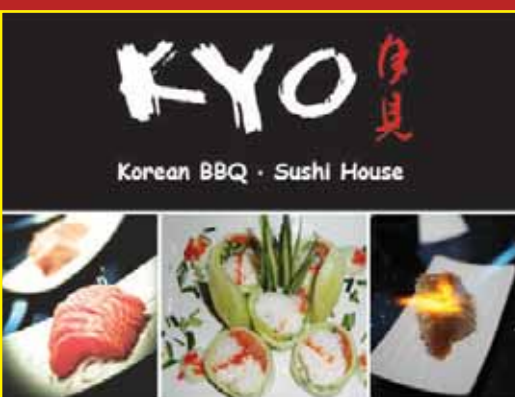
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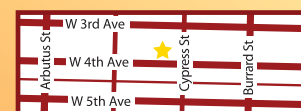
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Lions hang on to key players

Wally Buono wasted little time Wednesday retaining two key members of his Grey Cup-winning team.

The B.C. Lions GM highlighted the opening day of CFL free agency by agreeing to terms with veteran defensive backs Dante Marsh and Ryan Phillips. Buono reached a deal with Marsh just before he was scheduled to become a free agent before coming to terms with Phillips roughly two hours after he entered free agency.

CFL free agency kicked off at noon EST on Wednesday but the top two available players — slotback Andy Fantuz and offensive lineman Brendon LaBatte — remained unsigned Wednesday evening.

However, they were certainly generating a lot of interest.

The Hamilton Tiger-Cats and Saskatchewan Roughriders were said to be in the running for Fantuz, the six-foot-four, 220-pound slotback who was the CFL's outstanding Canadian in 2010. Fantuz missed the first half of last season attending the Chicago Bears camp before suffering an ankle injury after returning to Regina.

Edmonton and Saskatchewan were reportedly both working hard to sign LaBatte. The six-foot-four, 323-pound native of Weyburn, Sask., has spent his entire CFL career with Winnipeg.

LaBatte was a CFL all-star in 2011 and helped Winnipeg reach the Grey Cup. The 25-year-old can play guard or centre although his preference is guard. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Andy Fantuz is expected to fetch between \$175,000 and \$200,000 on the open market, which could be too rich for the Argos, who will have to pay quarterback Ricky Ray around \$400,000 this season.



► Vancouver's Alex Burrows runs over Colorado's Jan Hejda at Rogers Arena on Wednesday night.

Avalanche can't turn tide against Canucks

► Vancouver runs unbeaten streak against Colorado to 13-0-2 ► Canucks move within two points of conference lead with game in hand on Red Wings

Jannik Hansen scored with 6:29 remaining Wednesday as the Vancouver Canucks continued their lengthy domination of Colorado with a 3-1 victory over the Avalanche.

Hansen, who had gone 12 games without a goal, took Cody Hodgson's pass and drilled a shot over the shoulder of backup goalie Semyon Varlamov for a 2-1 lead.

A defensive zone turnover led to the goal, Hansen's 14th of the season, but his first game-winner. Alex Burrows scored his 20th goal of the season into an empty net.

David Booth opened the scoring for Vancouver but Erik Johnson gave the young Avalanche a 1-1 second-period tie.



The Canucks have not lost to the Avalanche since Nov. 1, 2009, posting a 13-0-2 record in that 15-game span.

Vancouver (36-15-6) again closed to within two points of Western Conference-leading Detroit with their eighth win in 11 games and points in the

three losses beyond 60 minutes.

The Avalanche (28-26-4) ended a string of getting at least one point in four straight games and remain three points out of the last playoff berth in the West.

Canucks goalie Roberto Luongo made 29 saves and held Colorado off the scoresheet in the final minutes, making a close-in stop off Paul Stastny and robbing Ryan O'Reilly on the rebound.

Varlamov made two key saves to preserve a 1-1 tie after 40 minutes. He got a glove on a quick shot by Maxim Lapierre and a right pad on Booth's effort after he broke in alone.

Booth gave the Canucks the lead with his third goal in as many games 13 sec-

onds after the opening faceoff.

He took Mason Raymond's pass in the Colorado zone, drove through traffic and beat starting goalie J.S. Giguere with a backhand over his glove.

Booth, who is making a habit of going hard to the opposition's net lately, was falling as he scored his 11th of the season and seventh in 12 starts since returning from a knee injury.

The Canucks peppered Giguere, who had to be sharp to stay in front of several point blasts through traffic.

Giguere left the game with a groin injury during a TV timeout at 16:06 of the first period.

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"I've had to earn lots of stuff, nothing's been given to me, but I always had a self belief in myself that one day I'd play in the NHL."

JORDAN NOLAN, WHO SCORED HIS FIRST NHL GOAL LAST WEEKEND IN HIS SECOND GAME WITH THE KINGS, WHO PICKED HIM IN THE SEVENTH ROUND OF THE 2009 DRAFT. NOLAN'S FATHER, TED, PLAYED 78 GAMES IN THE NHL AND WENT ON TO WIN THE JACK ADAMS AWARD AS COACH OF THE YEAR WITH THE BUFFALO SABRES.



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1 AC Milan outclassed Arsenal on Wednesday to plant one foot firmly in the Champions League quarter-finals, beating the English club 4-0 in the first leg of their round-of-16 series. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

2 The Calgary Flames announced Wednesday that former blue-liner Al MacInnis will be honoured with a banner in the rafters at the Saddledome. MacInnis will be feted on Feb. 27 prior to a game against the St. Louis Blues. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

3 Australian Open champion Victoria Azarenka, in her first match as No. 1 seed, dispatched Mona Barthel 6-1, 6-0 at the Qatar Open Wednesday. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

4 Texas Rangers slugger Josh Hamilton said on Glenn Beck's live streaming video network Wednesday that he's undergoing counselling after an admitted relapse with alcohol. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



► Jeremy Lin is passed the ball from his fallen Knicks teammate Tyson Chandler as Jason Thompson of the Sacramento Kings defends on Wednesday night. Lin had 10 points, 13 assists and five rebounds in the 100-85 Knicks win.

Lin mania shows no signs of stopping

► Knick is a hoops sensation, from New York to Asia to the White House

Bigger than Shaq? Larger than LeBron? The Knicks are NBA champions?

(Don't laugh too hard at that last one. The odds are getting better, according to one online sports book.)

Nothing seems too Lin-conceivable now after Jeremy Lin's incredible first week as an NBA starter, and the story keeps getting better.

The undrafted player from Harvard made a three-pointer with half a second left Tuesday night to give the Knicks a 90-87 victory at Toronto. The Knicks returned home Wednesday to host Sacramento, looking for a seventh straight victory that would get them back to .500 after an 8-15 start.

Lin joined the rotation only then, starting the last five games, so hold off on making him a Michael Jordan, Shaquille O'Neal or LeBron James just yet. But the Knicks have seen enough to believe this ride may last a

18-1

Odds given that the Knicks will win the NBA championship on Bovada.lv, down from 40-1 before Lin's run began.

while longer.

"I don't know when there's an ending. Maybe there won't," coach Mike D'Antoni said.

Lin's story has blown straight past the New York sports pages and all their cute headlines like "Va-Lin-tine's Day," all the way to a basketball-crazed continent on the other side of the world, where he's been "kind of like the great Asian hope," said Orin Starn, professor and chair of cultural anthropology at Duke.

Lin has done wonders for shares of Madison Square Garden Inc., the company

that owns the Knicks, the Garden and the namesake sports network. The stock has surged nine per cent since Lin began his heroics Feb. 4, reaching an all-time high of \$33.18 US earlier this week before retreating slightly to close at \$31.91 Wednesday.

"Rangers and Knicks fans do tend to buy the stock when the teams are doing well," said Miller Tabak analyst David Joyce.

And Linsanity has reached America's most powerful basketball fan, with President Barack Obama talking about Lin's winner Wednesday.

White House spokesman Jay Carney said Lin was "just a great story, and the president was saying as much this morning."

Asia lost its biggest basketball star when Yao Ming retired last summer, but ratings are up in China, and TV stations around the continent have rushed to add Knicks games to their

broadcasts.

"I like Jeremy Lin (more than Yao Ming) because Yao Ming was already famous" when he started playing in NBA, said Taiwanese university student Zhang Gan-yu. "For Lin, it's like nobody had heard of him before. Kobe (Bryant) gave an interview saying he did not know who Lin was. So this is truly a rising star."

Lin is the NBA's first American-born player of Chinese or Taiwanese descent. Starn called his emergence sort of a "coming-out party for Asian-Americans."

"I think it is appealing to a lot of Americans when somebody comes along that seems to break out of this set of stereotypes — and in this case, an Asian-American from the heart of the Silicon Valley," Starn said. "I think Jeremy Lin has this special kind of attraction because he seems to capture this visibility of Asian-Americans."

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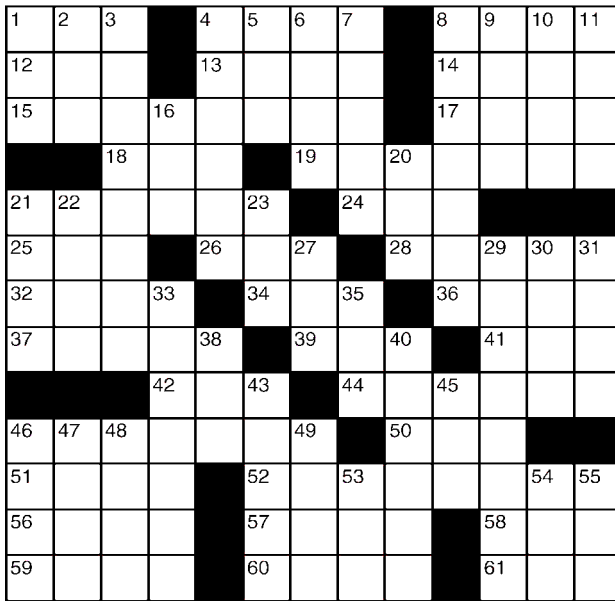
Crossword

Across

- 1 Burst
4 Answer an invite
8 Mid-June honorees
12 George's brother
13 — out (supplements)
14 Out of the storm
15 Unimprovable place
17 "— do for now"
18 Back
19 Great commotion
21 "America's Got —"
24 First st.
25 Wall climber
26 Listener
28 Distance down
32 Nap
34 Crazy
36 Avis adjective
37 Basin accessories
39 Pie filling?
41 Deteriorate
42 Last (Abbr.)
44 Political argument
46 Colored like hippie shirts
50 Website section, often
51 Opposed to
52 South American country
56 Old card game
57 Thing
58 Heady brew
59 "South Park" kid
60 Knighted woman
61 Playing marble

Down

- 1 Spot on a domino
2 "... man — mouse?"
3 Render immobile
4 Given a makeover

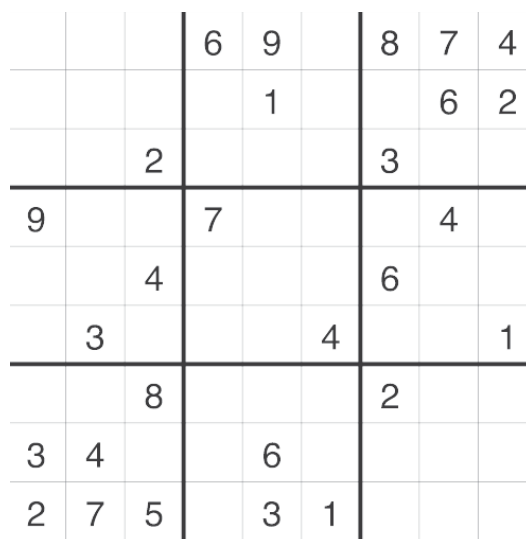


- 5 Tackle moguls
6 Two-piece suit's lack
7 Intellectual pretender
8 Company that merged with Benz in 1926
9 Choir member
10 Sandwich shop
11 Vend
16 Census stat
20 Roulette bet
21 Ocean motion
22 Acknowledge
23 Highlander's hat
27 Aries
29 Strong herbicide

► Yesterday's answer



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Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

► Yesterday's answer

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3	1	7	8	2	4	5	9	6
6	9	8	1	5	7	2	4	3
7	2	3	5	1	8	4	6	9
9	8	6	4	7	2	3	1	5
1	4	5	9	6	3	7	2	8
2	3	1	7	8	9	6	5	4
8	6	4	2	3	5	9	7	1
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wait to have many more.. I
will love you forever and al-
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Today's horoscope

♈ Aries March 21-April 20

You want to take a risk but you are also fearful of making a mistake. If you play safe now, you will surely regret it later on.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21

Even if those you love think that what you are doing is wrong, they will still help you to do it today.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21

The bigger the challenge, the more you will like it today. Even rivals will admire the way you push through against the odds.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 Others may say you are expecting too much of yourself but you know you have been expecting too little.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug. 23

If the old way of doing things no longer seems to work, by all means try something new.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22

This is the perfect time to do something others will be talking about (for good reasons) for years.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23

You will do something that does not come naturally. You may discover you have a talent of which you were previously unaware.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22

Follow your instincts wherever they might lead you and don't worry that some people might think you are mad.

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♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21

You will have to work hard for other people today and you won't have much time for yourself.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20

Some things you say over the next 24 hours could have those around you squirming. The truth is the truth and you won't twist it.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18

Sometimes in life you have to bend the truth a little and that seems to be the case today.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20 Mercury in your sign linked to expansive Jupiter means you are in excellent form intellectually at the moment. SALLY BROMPTON

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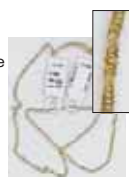
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